



FRIDAY EVENING, AUG. 28, 1908.

Virginia News.

R. L. Cleveland, a Calpeper merchant of prominence, died this morning, aged 67 years.

Senator Daniel, one of the members of the subcommittee of the National Monetary Commission, which has been studying the financial systems of Great Britain and France, sailed for home yesterday.

John M. Halladay, a civil engineer and mining expert, of Spottsylvania county, has recently discovered near Knight's Branch, in that county, a sulphur mine which shows extensive richness of sulphur and pyrites.

Edgar Allen, jr., son of the late Gen. E. G. Allen, at one time Assistant United States attorney general, was elected commander-in-chief of the National Society of the Sons of Veterans at Niagara Falls, yesterday. Mr. Allen is assistant postmaster at Richmond.

Great excitement prevails at Pulaski, where a crowd is hunting a negro, who yesterday attempted an assault on Miss Margie Bonang, the 16-year-old daughter of Mrs. M. J. Bonang. The girl was alone in her home, when her assailant entered. She screamed, and the negro ran.

Bad Miller, a Roanoke negro, was arrested at Roanoke, yesterday, by Police Officer Ayres, charged with criminally assaulting Mrs. Malcomb Meeks in her home, at Ediston, last May. Miller denies that he is the man wanted. Mrs. Meeks was terribly beaten by her assailant.

John M. Parsons, of Grayson county, was nominated by the Fifth district republican convention, held at Martinsville, yesterday, for Congress. Only two names (Parsons and Dr. J. W. Simmons, of Martinsville) were presented, Parsons winning by a vote of 74 to 62. Dr. Simmons was the nominee in the last election, being defeated by Congressman Saunders by a small majority.

Frank Young, colored, sentenced to die in Mecklenburg county on June 5 for murder, and who was reprieved by the governor until September 4, will not be required to go on the scaffold on that date. Gov. Swanson directed yesterday that the man be given another reprieve until October 3. Young is said to be insane, and is now in the asylum at Petersburg.

Mrs. R. A. Parsons, wife of a produce dealer of Cape Charles was fatally burned at her home in that city, as a result of an explosion of a gasoline stove, due to a defective feed pipe from the tank. Having discovered the defect she endeavored to throw the stove into the yard, when she met with the accident. She was burned about the body and became unconscious in which condition she remained until her death.

Expert burglars worked Main and Broad streets, Richmond, Wednesday night, carrying away loot which cannot be estimated until an inventory of the places visited has been made. The thieves entered the Broad street places by means of the skylight. Jewelry and cash are missing from Bachrach's pawn shop and from Tringle's drug store. The storehouse of L. S. Ledman was entered on Main street, and the shoes being taken. The police are confident that the work was done by professionals.

Policemen A. Cliff Hodges and A. C. Hodges, of Norfolk county, brothers, yesterday were given a preliminary hearing on warrants charging them with the murder of Wesley Adams, a colored boy, 17 years old. The boy, charged with housebreaking and under arrest, was shot down by A. Cliff Hodges Wednesday afternoon as he made a break for liberty. A. C. Hodges was with his brother when the fatal shot was fired. The warrants against the policemen were sworn out by a brother of Adams, and they were admitted to bail in the sum of \$250 each. A coroner's jury had exonerated A. Cliff Hodges for taking the life of the boy.

MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING.

As stated in yesterday's Gazette, Mr. Charles B. Roberts, jr., president of the National Supply Company, of Baltimore, was shot and seriously wounded on the boardwalk at Atlantic City late Wednesday night. He was in a rolling chair with a woman, said to be Mrs. Williams S. G. Williams, of east Madison avenue, Baltimore. Mr. Roberts, it is said, believes his masked assailant was a robber, but the police suggest that jealousy may have been the motive.

Roberts and Mrs. W. S. G. Williams are widely known. Mrs. Williams has long been one of the belles of Baltimore. She was a Miss Belle De Ford, the eldest daughter of Thomas De Ford, a family that was in the wholesale hide and leather business for years and amassed a fortune.

When seen at his country estate at Long Green, Md., yesterday, Mr. W. S. G. Williams, whose wife was with Mr. Roberts when he was shot, stated that he was surprised to hear that his wife was at the seashore, as he thought she was in Boston.

According to the police, Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Williams have been together frequently since her arrival at Atlantic City. They dined together Wednesday evening, and soon afterward went out on the boardwalk in a closed rolling chair. A heavy northeast wind had driven many of the promenaders from the boardwalk, which was nearly deserted when they entered the chair. Just as the pair reached Rhode Island avenue a man sprang out from the shadows and shot Roberts.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Aug. 28.—The trading has been active all through the first hour and was attended with irregular movements in prices. At the outset the buying by shorts was resumed and this was largely responsible for advances made during the first hour. At the high level considerable realizing was induced which resulted in reactions in several stocks. Later the upward movement was resumed.

Cloudburst.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 28.—Eleven are known to be dead and many others reported to have perished or are injured as the result of a cloudburst which inundated Folsom, N. M., early today. Many houses were swept away and damage reports say every house was damaged. Many persons living in the canyons above the city through which the floods swept are believed to be lost. Searching parties are at work now.

The Market.

Georgetown D. C., Aug. 28.—Wheat 22-23

News of the Day.

The semi-centennial of the debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas was celebrated at Freeport, Ill., yesterday.

Governor Hughes, of New York, will impel a special grand jury to return an indictment against the Hains brothers, accused of the murder of William Annis.

A man named Falconieri in Rome yesterday accused Pope IX of obtaining property fraudulently and declared that the pope does not possess virtues necessary for beatification.

John Reynolds, of Montclair, N. J., United States consul at Florence, Italy, from 1888 until 1897, died in a hospital in New York yesterday following an operation for cancer.

Richard Maguire, of Brooklyn, who died of heart disease yesterday, was born in Virginia in 1833 and had lived in Brooklyn 60 years. He was a retired lumber merchant.

Judge Benjamin D. McGinnis, oldest lawyer, sole honorary member of the Bar Association, and first judge of the Criminal Court of Cabell county, W. V., died yesterday at the age of 85 years.

George Short, who lives near Greensboro, Md., committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn on the 15th farm yesterday. He was about 50 years of age, and leaves a wife and family.

When rescuers yesterday completed their work at the Halley Oia coal mine No. 1 at Halleyville, 14 miles east of McAlester, Okla., where the disastrous explosion occurred Wednesday, 29 dead bodies had been removed.

As the result of being run over by a wagon yesterday afternoon, Nathan Sachs, the 5-year-old son of Mr. Louis Sachs, of Reynolds, is in a serious condition at his home, suffering from two broken ribs and several bruises about the body.

Mrs. I. W. Hellman, wife of a banker and capitalist, died at San Francisco, yesterday after a long illness. Mrs. Hellman was prominent in charitable work, being at the head of half a dozen Hebrew hospital and relief societies.

Conductor John Maxwell, of Fulton, Ky., was shot three times in the abdomen by an unknown negro he had ordered off his train, a few miles south of Fulton yesterday, and Conductor Maxwell fired six shots at the negro. The negro is dying, and there is no hope for the recovery of Maxwell.

Enoch Sammons, strikekeeper and gauger, internal revenue service, Eighth district of Kentucky, was yesterday dismissed by the acting secretary of the civil service commission, for alleged perilous political activity in a state senatorial contest last fall.

E. H. Becker, one of the best known civil and construction engineer in the United States, dropped dead yesterday at the West Tunnel Camp of the St. Paul Pass, near Taft, Mont., aged 52 years. Under the direction of Mr. Becker, the Pacific extension of the Great Northern Railroad was constructed.

J. Harris, 28 years old, an iron worker of Atlanta, Ga., was shot and killed last night by J. R. Earnest in the latter's home where Harris had been living. It is alleged that Harris, who is a brother of Earnest's wife, had been abusing the latter and Earnest being notified he ran to his house. Earnest says that he shot Harris in defense of his wife.

Eldridge Davis, a farmer, of West Bainbridge, N. Y., sent after his cows Monday afternoon and did not return at midnight. There were four bullet holes in the back of his head when his body was found in the pasture yesterday. He is believed to have been killed by tramps. Sheriff Beardsley and a posse are scouring the country for the murderers.

Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, of Cleveland, O., husband of Cassie Chadwick, who died in the penitentiary, where she was sentenced for colossal frauds, filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday. His personal debts he places at \$1,700, while debts contracted through indorsing notes and checks for his wife he places at about \$650,000.

The honesty of a Pullman car porter saved William J. Bryan several hundred dollars yesterday and won the negro a "thank you" and \$10 from Mr. Bryan. Bryan dressed hurriedly on his arrival at Kansas City to meet a reception committee and forgot the pocket book which contained \$300 given him at Salem for the democratic campaign fund, as well as his own cash.

Rev. Dr. Donald Sage Mackay, pastor of the Collegiate Reformed Church, at Fifth avenue and Forty-eighth street, New York, died yesterday at Portland, Me. Dr. Mackay was in his seat in a Pullman car on his way to join his children at Blue Hills when he succumbed to double pneumonia. With him were Mrs. Mackay and Rev. Andrew Hageman, assistant pastor of the church.

An object lesson in the evolution of railroad bridge replacement was given on Tuesday on the Philadelphia division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, when the old bridge across Chester creek was pulled out and a new double-track steel bridge 150 feet long was slid into position in just three and a half minutes without a hitch, breaking the time record on this kind of work and believed to be the quickest work of the kind ever done anywhere. There was no interruption to traffic. The new bridge weighs about 300 tons.

Sheriff J. E. Bryant, of Monroe county, Ky., and one of his deputies yesterday produced the body of Jesse Coe, a negro, who has been wanted in Indianapolis since September 30, 1906. On the night of that date Patrolmen Sullivan and Peircard were killed in an alley by two negroes whom the officers had been breaking into a house. George Williams, one of the negroes, was captured and hanged. Jesse Coe, the other, had since been a fugitive in his native hills, near Martinsburg, Ky. Sheriff Bryant was paid \$1,500 yesterday by Mayor Bookwater upon the identification of the body of Coe which the sheriff and deputy brought to Indianapolis there. Coe's whereabouts was betrayed to Sheriff Bryant by Claude Andrews, a cousin of Coe, who will get \$500 of the reward. The sheriff and three deputies lay in ambush Wednesday afternoon at a place in the mountains agreed upon with Andrews, who had lured Coe to the spot on the pretense of hunting quail. Here the officers came upon him. Coe

was armed with a rifle. He refused to surrender and attempted to shoot, but the officers were first and shot him to death.

Prices of fresh meat have taken a tumble at Omaha and packing house managers report that a still further reduction will be made in beef, pork and mutton next week.

After having been free for two days at Philadelphia, Pa., John Berger, who, with John Edwards, escaped from the Eastern penitentiary Tuesday afternoon, was captured by a policeman and several citizens in Chester last evening.

The grand jury of Atlantic City, N. J., yesterday ignored Gov. Fort's arrest to send troops to Atlantic City to close up the resort and also refused to indict these accused of selling liquor on Sunday.

It is understood that a decree will be granted shortly in Circuit Court No. 2 at Baltimore divorcing Mr. William H. Fisher absolutely from Mrs. Edith Ridgely Fisher, who, it is alleged, left the city a few months ago with Mr. William B. Eyster, a son of Senator Eyster. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are both well-known socially. They were married November 18, 1884, and lived together until March 14 last. They have three children.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Mr. Taft and his family will leave Hot Springs at 8:30 o'clock today and will go to Middle Bass Island, near Put-in-Bay, for a week's stay.

The suspension of the firm of H. W. Davis was announced on the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange this morning. The failure is said to be an unimportant one.

The Cunard line steamer Mauretania which arrived at Quarantine, N. Y., today from Liverpool and Queenstown made the passage in 5 days and 59 minutes, at an average speed of 23 knots an hour.

A message from Fez says that Mulai-Hafid, the newly proclaimed sultan of Morocco has been captured by Ouled Djems, a tribal chieftain, and is being held for a ransom, but later the report was disproved.

Determined to not do every other country in its welcome to the American fleet when it steams into the harbor on October 17, the Japanese government has decided to send the entire navy to act as an escort for the sixteen American ships.

Armed at the prominence given by newspapers, both at home and abroad, to the Russian discontent, plotted and executed, the czar today ordered the St. Petersburg Telegraph Agency, practically the only channel through which such news can reach the public, to stop giving out such stories.

Arist Ferdinand Pinney Earle and Mrs. Earle, with their three weeks old child are again united at the arist's home "Affinity Hill," at Monroe, N. Y. It is rumored today that Mrs. Earle's mother is soon to join her daughter and the neighborhood is wondering what effect a "soul mate" mother-in-law will have.

The schooner Zuchew Sherman arrived today at Quarantine, N. Y., from Norfolk with a cargo of coal for New Haven. When off Sea Girt, N. J., August 26, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon she was in collision with the steamer Lyttner, bound from New York to Port Arthur. The steamer stood by the schooner to afford assistance. The schooner had her bowsprit carried away and anchored until the steamer I. J. Merritt made fast to her and towed her to port.

KILLS A GRAMPUS IN WEIR.

When the Blatchford weir crew went off to their harbor trap near Boston yesterday they found an 18-foot grampus in the netting.

Having but limited room, the creature could not exert its strength to the best advantage, but it made things lively for its assailants for the ensuing half hour. The fishermen's weapons were an axe and a big hook, and with these they engaged in combat.

The hook was thrust into the head of the grampus. At once the creature put up a vigorous protest. If it could have turned its head downward it would have quickly torn loose from the fisherman and probably have forced its way out through the weir, but the rope fastened at one end to the hook and at the other to the boat prevented this.

The feat and fury of the creature were confined to terrible thrashings of its flukes and plungings of its body. Once the grampus reared aloft, threatening to tumble bodily into the boat, but it fell to one side, simply deluging the craft and its occupants. Holding hard to the book rope, Blatchford, Baker, Raymond and Freeman used the axe with vigor, directing their efforts to the crushing of the thick skull. Again and again the axe, swung with all strength of the wielder, descended, and at last the great sea animal tumbled upon its side, dead. David O. Stult bought the grampus and had it towed to his shore front.

The Hains Held.

New York, Aug. 28.—Captain Peter C. Hains, who shot and killed William E. Annis at the Bayview Yacht Club, August 15, and his brother T. Jenkins Hains, the author, were bound over to the grand jury today without bail, by Magistrate Gilroy, in the Long Island City police court.

The most startling evidence brought out was the testimony of Charles H. Roberts, who said that immediately following the shooting T. Jenkins Hains said to him that he was sorry his brother had shot Annis; that he tried to dissuade the captain from such a rash course and only consented to accompany him when he found that he could not be deterred. Roberts said he asked T. Jenkins Hains why he himself had drawn a revolver and threatened to shoot anyone who interfered and his reply was that he thought this the best way to prevent further bloodshed.

John P. McElroy, who represented the Hains brothers made a motion that the charge against T. J. Hains be dismissed. Magistrate Gilroy promptly overruled the motion. There were but three witnesses examined, Charles H. Roberts, Oswald B. Baker, the officer who made the arrest and Dr. Fye, the coroner's physician, who held the autopsy.

At no time during the hearing was there the slightest reference made to the cause that led up to the shooting or of the alleged intimacy between Mr. Peter C. Hains and William E. Annis.

Today's Telegraphic News

[Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]

Fire at Manassas.
Manassas, Va., Aug. 28.—Fire at 1:30 this morning at Manassas destroyed the Enterprise bakery and an adjoining building occupied by Messrs. Thomas B. Lion, Edward Conner and Nash & Co. The loss is \$10,000, about half insured.

The Atlantic City Shooting.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 28.—By the time he finishes sweating Jesse Jackson, a negro chairman, today, Chief of Police Woodruff believes he will be well on the way to a solution to the mystery velling the shooting here Wednesday night of Charles B. Roberts, the Baltimore clubman and millionaire who was fatally injured while riding in a chair with Mrs. I. G. Williams, of Baltimore—the wife of his best friend. With a bullet in his liver and his chances of recovery hourly fading, Roberts sticks to his story that he was shot by a masked highway man, "Mr. Williams." In the section of her room at the Hotel Brighton—where Roberts was also stopping—declines to talk. Not the slightest clue is in evidence as to the whereabouts of the man who fired the shot.

Basing their belief on the fact that Williams' relieved his wife was in New Hampshire with her children at the hour at which she was figuring in a tragedy, the police believe Roberts could tell more if he wishes.

Although the negro, Jackson, corroborated the story of Roberts at first in the master of the latter's assailant being masked, he has weakened on this point and the police hope to get an admission from him before the day is over that will show that the man who fired the shots at Roberts was not only unmasked, but that he was a well dressed business like appearing man, giving no evidence of being a thug. It is known that the Atlantic City police are today searching for a Maryland automobile, for which a New Jersey license was said to have been issued the day before the shooting. They expect a trail thereon to lead them to Baltimore. Witnesses have been found who say an automobile stopped a short distance from the boardwalk where the shooting occurred. The evident determination of Roberts to throw a veil of mystery about the affair has increased the suspicion of the police that there is nothing in the theory first advanced by the victim that he was shot by a would-be highwayman.

For the first time since the shooting of Mr. Roberts a statement was today made of the details of the occurrence, as recited by Mrs. Williams. This story of the occurrence was given to Mr. Wilcox by Mrs. Williams last evening and by him repeated to a reporter this morning. The story is as follows:

"The man called the chair and came face to face with us and was walking slowly. The man perched through the glass windows, behind which we sat, and laid his hand on the chair and shoved one of the windows aside, at the same time showing a revolver. Thinking the man wanted money I offered him my watch and a ring. The stranger waved it aside. 'I don't want your purse; I want the man's money,' replied the man. 'At this point,' continued Mr. Wilcox, 'Mr. Roberts sprang from the chair and grappled with the robber, who shot him and made his escape in the darkness. In the meantime the negro chair pusher had run away and left the couple at the mercy of the highwayman and Mrs. Williams was thus left alone with the wounded man. Assistance soon came, however, and she accompanied Mr. Roberts to the hospital, where she returned at once to her hotel and notified Mr. J. Olney Norris, who immediately wired to me to come down to Atlantic City.'"

In a statement sent to the Atlantic City police this afternoon H. Cavendish Darrell, law partner of Williams, stated on behalf of the latter that Mr. Williams knew all the time that his wife was in Atlantic City. He declares that the husband is fully cognizant of the insinuations that have been cast and that he would come here to personally refute them. "It is possible that Mr. Williams did state last night that he believed his wife was in Boston," explains Darrell, "but he was nervous and excited when he spoke, and the error was due to his confusion. Unable longer to carry out their alleged project for covering up the crime the police this afternoon started a probe which will make necessary the answering of some questions by Mrs. Williams' male relatives. The woman at 11 denies herself to newspaper men, but the police have succeeded in interrogating her and it is said have procured from her a positive statement that the man who shot Roberts was not and could not have been her husband. Mrs. Williams is said to have denied emphatically the reported declaration of her friend's assailant 'you will never take her out to dinner again' as he fired the shot. Roberts' condition this afternoon is reported very grave and the officers are making preparations to get an antemortem statement from him at the first indication of a sinking spell."

The story that Mr. Williams had been in Atlantic City on Wednesday has been disproved it being positively established that Mr. Williams has been at the country home near Baltimore since his recent arrival from Europe. While the highwayman version of the shooting is accepted, there are many hints of developments that may be looked for within a short time, one of which is a merry jingle. Mrs. Williams was Miss Belle DeFord, the eldest daughter of Thomas DeFord. Her brothers, Frank B. Thomas and John DeFord, are all prominent in business and social life.

Mrs. Roberts arrived here today from New England where she has been spending the summer with her children. She declared that she could furnish no clue to the man who attacked her husband. She was greatly wrought up over the occurrence, and went once to the hospital to be with her husband.

In a statement today Captain Richard Whalen, head of the detective department here declared that it appeared to him that an effort was being made to shield the culprit. The chief of police of Baltimore today received a letter from the chief of Atlantic City. He refuses to say what it contained.

William S. G. Williams returned Tuesday from Europe, where he had been on account of his health. His wife and three children had been at his summer home at Long Green, Md., during his absence. Williams went directly to Baltimore.

The Navies.

London, Aug. 28.—The astounding sum of \$1,431,070,889 has been expended in the last three years on the navies of seven of the leading countries of the world, according to an estimate by the British admiralty made public today. The seven countries are: America, England, France, Russia, Germany, Italy and Japan. England leads with an expenditure of \$478,055,435 and America is second with \$331,810,740. Aside from their hugeness the chief interest in the figures presented by the admiralty is that they show England is not keeping up with her policy of maintaining a navy equal to that of any other two powers. Putting America's naval expenditures in the last three years with those of either France, Russia, Germany or Japan the total is larger than that of England. The British, however, do not count America's increasing power and on this basis her "two power" naval strength is being maintained. The admiralty places the strength of the five leading nations in serviceable battleships, cruisers and destroyers, in the following order: England 57;34;142; America 25;13;20; France 21; 19; 48; Germany 22;8;61 Japan 11;11;54.

Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 28.—Mayor Stoy and his kitchen cabinet who have been charged with the responsibility for the Sunday wide-openness of Atlantic City have apparently been smoked out by Governor Fort and his strenuous methods of law enforcement. After what was virtually an all night session of the mayor and his retainers, including Chief of Police Woodruff and Sheriff Johnson, the decision was arrived at today that the exclusive law will be obeyed next Sunday. The force which brought about the decision was the stand of Governor Fort, who threatened to suspend Stoy from office, and place a man in the mayor's chair who would enforce the laws, and the appointment of a special grand jury by the supreme court to inquire into the cases two grand juries have refused to act in. A business men's and citizens' meeting is to be held in Morris Guards Hall next Monday night.

The Southern Floods.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 28.—Receding floods throughout Georgia and the Carolinas today reveal more fully the damage that has been done. The loss of life has not yet been fully determined, but it is thought that it was not so great as at first believed. The rains have ceased in the upper Savannah valley, and the river at Augusta has begun to fall. The death list there includes about fifteen persons, most of whom were negro laborers. The property loss in Augusta is estimated at \$1,000,000, principally to stocks of goods in store. A city bridge and a railroad bridge over the Savannah river were washed away. The greatest loss was in the rural districts. P. Rial reports from the fishing sections show that the crops were damaged in all parts of the state, and in the river valleys were totally destroyed. No estimate of the loss has been made.

The Persian Troubles.

Teheran, Aug. 28.—The seed of revolution sown in Tabriz is bearing bloody fruit all over Persia and today Shah Ali Mirza faces the alternative of convoking a parliament, in accordance with his promise, or yielding his crown. Inability to crush out the rebellion of constitutionalists in Tabriz, which has raged intermittently for months, has encouraged uprisings all over the country and practically the whole of Persian Kurdistan is aflame with revolt with the Shah powerless to stop the onward sweep.

The report of capture of Kerman, a city of 50,000, by the revolutionists, was confirmed in messages received today, which tell of the crushing defeat of the Shah's force in a battle in which a thousand were killed and wounded. The leader of the constitutionalists has set up a government and will ignore the Shah's authority until parliament is reconvened.

The Trick a Failure.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 28.—Because she wanted to play a trick on her pastor, Rev. John Bloom, Miss Eva Brown risked herself in men's clothes, secretly entered the minister's home and crawled under his bed. Hearing a noise about 11 o'clock last night as he was preparing his Sunday sermon, Dr. Bloom concluded that was a burglar in his home and he informed Lieutenant McAfee. The police investigated and saw a pair of high heeled shoes peeking from beneath the bed. He grabbed the feet and came the intruder who promptly fainted. She was revived and explained that she was only playing a joke on the minister. Dr. Bloom took the joke gallantly and sent the young woman home.

FLOODS SUBSIDING.

Dispatches from the flooded districts in the south state that the waters are subsiding but that great damages have been done.

Only once, in 1888, did Augusta, Ga., experience a flood as disastrous as that of Wednesday. It is estimated that from 10 to 15 lives, mostly colored laborers, have been lost in and near that city. The urban property loss is estimated at \$800,000 to \$1,000,000. Destruction perhaps equally as great was caused among crops and to factories and railroads outside the city. Train service and communication by telephone and telegraph were entirely interrupted for a time. Great damage was also done in central South Carolina and other southern states.

The heavy rains which have been falling in eastern Virginia almost incessantly since last Sunday continue, and last night were accompanied by a northeast gale, blowing at a velocity of thirty-six to forty miles an hour. Seven inches of water has fallen since the downpour commenced. Acres of farmland are inundated in the Norfolk section. In Danville, Petersburg and Richmond the waters are falling and the worst is over.

All damages to tracks of the Southern Railway between Richmond and points south, caused by the recent hard and long rainy spell, have been repaired and trains are now being operated through from the north to the south and there is no farther delay anywhere on the lines of the system between Washington, Richmond and Atlanta.

POLITICAL INFORMATION.

[From the Richmond Journal.]

Judge William H. Hodges Mann was rushed in at the meeting of the Farmer's Convention to discuss the subject of agricultural education, regularly assigned on the programme to the superintendent of Public Instruction, who was not present. The subject was interesting; the audience expectant; but the occasion for a political harangue was so tempting, and the opportunity could not be lost. Possibly at some future time our friends will be enlightened on the subject.

As the Farmer's Institute is in no sense a political organization, the propriety of the performance might seem questionable; but we refrain from comment on the matter of good taste and manners.

Judge Mann was eloquent in telling the farmers how he had championed their every interest in the Senate, and of the bill providing for agricultural education in the rural districts. The newspaper reports of his speech quote him as saying: "For lack of a legislative committee from the farmers to back up the fight we were making, the plan to create five great agricultural high schools in the different sections of the State was stricken out."

Dr. Charles U. Gravatt, who represented the Caroline district in the Senate of Virginia, followed the eloquent judge. Now it seems that Dr. Gravatt introduced a bill known as Senate bill No. 167, to provide for the development of agriculture by the establishment of branch experiment stations and agricultural high schools in connection therewith. The friends of this measure awaited themselves of the only possible chance of securing its passage, and we find the record on page 754-756, of the Senate Journal, under date March 5, 1908, where it is shown that this bill was defeated by the vote of Judge William Hodges Mann.

The judge is now a candidate for office. He has been a candidate many times before; and the good people of Virginia have said no. Here is the record of his office-seeking: A candidate for Circuit Court judge. A candidate for Congress. A candidate for at large general. A candidate for judge of Court of Appeals.

A candidate for governor. And again a candidate for governor. The only offices he has secured were county judge of Nottingham before and during the readjuster regime and St. Senator from the Nottingham district.

The Good Book exhorts us to temperate in all things, and temperance means much more than total abstinence from intoxicants. We should be temperate in our statements, and especially so when official records are available. "I was your champion," says the judge to the farmers; but the inexorable record cries, like Banquo's ghost, to testify against him.

The last for office has made our friend intoxicated. He is saturated, drenched, and is irrefragable. Lascivious nequium satiatum—worn out, but not satisfied.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup is especially recommended for children. It tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co.

DIED.

Sundaily, on August 28th, 1908, at Cape Royal, Maine, MERRIAM F. HOFFER, daughter of the late James Hoffer. Interment in Carlisle, Pa.

Manager Jim Maguire, of the Boston American Baseball Club, resigned from the leadership of the club today at the request of President John L. Taylor. Fred Lake, owner of the Lowell and Lynn Clubs, has been named as his successor.

Democratic State Chairman W. J. Connors today formally opened the state headquarters in the Hoffman House at New York.

League Baseball Games
AMERICAN LEAGUE.
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.
St. Louis, 3; Boston, 1.
HOW THEY STAND.
W. L. P. t.
Detroit..... 67 43 699 Philadelphia 23 56 449
St. Louis..... 65 48 572 Chicago 34 62 461
Cleveland..... 64 49 566 Washington 41 65 404
Chicago..... 63 50 558 New York 37 74 333

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.
Pittsburg, 4; Philadelphia, 3.
Boston, 7; Cincinnati, 4.
Brooklyn, 2; St. Louis, 1.
Chicago, 6; New York, 1.
HOW THEY STAND.
W. L. P. t.
New York..... 64 43 699 Cincinnati 50 59 457
Pittsburg..... 64 50 531 Boston..... 52 65 435
Chicago..... 68 47 591 St. Louis..... 42 71 366
Philadelphia..... 59 60 541 Brooklyn 41 71 366

Wholesale Prices of Produce.
Flour Extra..... 400 a 425
Family..... 475 a 500
Family brand..... 525 a 550
Wheat, journeyman..... 092 a 094
Mixed..... 090 a 092
Fats..... 085 a 090
Corn, white..... 085 a 090
Mixed..... 083 a 085
Yellow..... 083 a 085
Corn Meal..... 095 a 070
Rye..... 095 a 070
Oats, mixed, new..... 045 a 050
White, new..... 048 a 053
Elgin Print Butter..... 032 a 034
Butter, Virginia, packed..... 018 a 020
Choice Virginia..... 020 a 022
Common to middling..... 014 a 016
Eggs..... 017 a 018
Live Chickens (heavy)..... 015 a 018
Spring Chickens..... 015 a 018
Potatoes, per bu..... 060 a 80
Sweet Potatoes..... 20 a 300
Onions, per bushel..... 090 a 100
Apples, per bushel..... 090 a 350
Dried Peaches, packed..... 010 a 014
Pork, per 100 lbs..... 750 a